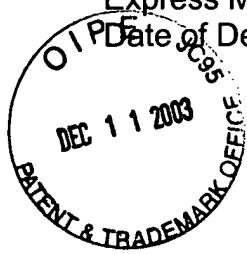


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated April 11, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

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Page 1, after the first paragraph but before the second paragraph, please insert:

--Background of the invention--